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meet Luis Alberto Urrea

Born in Tijuana, Mexico, to a Mexican father and an American mother, Luis Alberto Urrea mines his dual-culture life experiences to explore themes of love, loss, and triumph in his writing. The critically acclaimed and best-selling author of 14 books, Urrea has published extensively in all major genres and won numerous awards for his poetry, fiction, and essays.

The Devil's Highway, Urrea's 2004 nonfiction account of a group of Mexican immigrants lost in the Arizona desert, won the Lannan Literary Award and was a Pulitzer Prize finalist. *The Hummingbird's Daughter*, the story of Teresa Urrea,

sometimes called the Mexican Joan of Arc, won the Kiriya Prize in fiction. Urrea just released a sequel, *Queen of America*. Urrea was inducted into the Latino Literature Hall of Fame in 2000.

Urrea visits Kalamazoo in early March. These three events are free and open to the public.

◆ Conversación con Urrea

March 6, 2:30 pm, El Sol Elementary School

Una conversación en español con el autor Luis Urrea sobre sus pensamientos acerca de la diversidad dentro de las culturas latinas en los Estados Unidos.

◆ Cross Cultural Experiences

March 6, 7 pm, KCHS Auditorium

Hear Urrea reflect on his experience as a "dual culture" writer. Includes music by Los Bandits de Michigan. Books for sale and signing at event.

◆ A Writer's Perspective

March 7, 12 noon, Kalamazoo College, Light Fine Arts Building

Join students to experience Luis Urrea as a teacher of creative writing as he discusses national identity and borders. Bring a notebook or journal.

academy launched

The ONEplace Nonprofit Leadership Academy (ONLA) started January 20! Created in response to coming retirements in the nonprofit sector, ONLA will prepare potential executive directors/CEOs for mid-to-large nonprofits in Kalamazoo County. The inaugural class of twenty managers and specialists, and their 15 organizations, are enthusiastically investing in the future leadership of community nonprofits.



assessment tools; text/resources; ten day-long sessions led by practicing experts; and mentoring with current ED/CEOs. Current participants complete ONLA on June 1. All ONEplace programs/services, including the Academy, are grant-funded and free of charge. More at kpl.gov/ONEplace.

The Academy's leadership development model includes: a thorough recommendation/application process; leadership

friends annual meeting



April 14, 10 am, CEN

Join the Friends for brunch and a spirited talk by Margean Gladysz about her fascinating memoir, *A Spy on the Bus*.

PBS NewsHour host Jim Lehrer wrote in his review "There will never be another book like this. There simply could not be another Margean Gladysz, who as a young woman was paid by Greyhound,

Trailways and other companies to ride buses... all over the country in the 1940's. She was there to spot and report back on drunk,

stealing, reckless and nutty bus drivers...*A Spy on the Bus* is a treat and a half. I promise."

Brunch costs \$10 per person. RSVP to the Friends, 553-7821, or friends@kpl.gov by April 7.



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books & authors

Art Hop

March 2, 6-8 pm, CEN

Enjoy Mexican folk dancing and art work by students from El Sol Elementary, a bilingual KPS magnet school serving students in K-5, offering instruction in both English and Spanish. A Reading Together event.

Classics Revisited

March 15, 7 pm, CEN

April 19, 7 pm, CEN

Join lovers of classic literature to discuss Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* in March and Nikolai Gogol's *Dead Souls* in April.

Urban Fiction

March 27, 6 pm, POW

April 24, 6 pm, POW

This street lit discussion group will talk about Keisha Ervin's *Gunz & Roses* in March and *Keyshia & Clyde* by Treasure E Blue in April. Pick up a copy of each month's novel at Powell. Refreshments.



Tasting While Touring

April 25, 7 pm, CEN

Meet authors Jaye Beeler and Dianne Carroll Burdick, whose culinary roadtrip sings the praises of

Michigan's homegrown food – delicious, seasonal, and sustainably raised – realigning our lives with those who work our state fields for good food.

music

Sierra Negra

March 21, 7 pm, CEN

Savor Sierra Negra's extensive repertoire, as they heat up the temperature and lay down syncopated vibrations that cross boundaries and blend Latin styles. Recent recordings include "Nunca Me Dijiste Adios" and "No Puedo Olvidar tus Besos." A Reading Together event.



GLAMA Slow Jam

April 4, 7 pm, CEN

Does your guitar, fiddle, or mandolin never leave home? Want to make music with others but think you can't keep up? If you can play basic chords, like G, C, D, or A, then you can join the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association for an acoustic slow jam.

Red Tail Ring

April 18, 7 pm, CEN

Enjoy Michael Beauchamp and Laurel Premo's musical imagination, haunting harmonies and instrumental artistry. They released two CDs in 2011: *Middlewest Chant*, featuring original music, and *Mountain Shout*, with traditional Appalachian tunes and ballads.



Earth Day Concert

April 21, 3 pm, OSH

Celebrate Earth Day with talented musicians from Earthworks Music Collective, including Gifts or Creatures, Red Tail Ring, Rachael and Dominic Davis, Darlene and Dede Alderman, and Sam Corbin. Activities for children.

Shop at Bookfair!

reading together fundraiser

March 2-4

Shop at Barnes & Noble during this B&N Bookfair to support Reading Together. A percentage of all net sales at any B&N store or online will be donated for future Reading Together author visits when linked to the ID 10656213.

To shop online:

- go to bn.com/bookfairs
- click "Start Shopping Now"
- use ID 10656213

Tell your friends to buy books, movies and music at **Barnes & Noble** on March 2-4!

genealogy

R Genealogy Lock-In

March 23, 6-10 pm, CEN

After-hours event for genealogists.

Take advantage of free copying, printing, and parking in the library lot. Registration required; call 553-7808 starting March 5.

R Intro to Genealogy

April 5, 10 am, OSH

Start compiling your family tree using online products like Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, KPL's index to local newspapers, plus major collections, print sources, and more. Registration required; call 553-7808 or register online starting March 19.

& more

Free Tax Prep

March 3, 10:30 am-3 pm, OSH

March 5, 1-5 pm, EAS

March 17, 10 am-2:30 pm, CEN

Free tax preparation for those with a household income under \$49,000 in 2011, completed by IRS-certified VITA tax volunteers. Appointment required. Call 211 (or 381-4357) for tax site info or to schedule an appointment.

Pieces + Blocks = Quilt

March 24, 1:30 pm, OSH

Quilters Bette Boulding and Vicki Fischer will talk about who and what inspires their quilting designs, share their techniques, and present a slide/tape show featuring four African American artists.

R Ask a Lawyer

April 3, 6-8 pm, POW

March 8, 6-8 pm, CEN

March 9, April 13, 11:30 am-1 pm, CEN

Free legal clinic with Bar Association lawyers. Call 553-7920 for a 20-minute appointment.

Intro to Composting

April 10, 6 pm, OSH

Recycle waste, decrease landfill use, and create natural fertilizer through home composting. Learn basic tools and steps from Erica Barajas, manager of Fair Food Matters' Growing Matters Garden.

Meet the Brewmaster

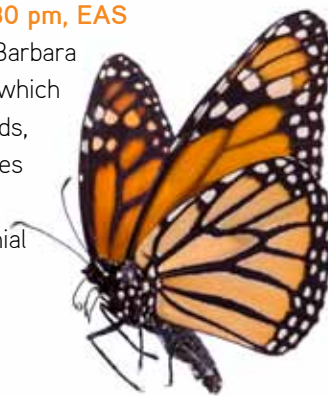
April 11, 7 pm, CEN

Quench your thirst for beer knowledge at this special program with Bell's brewmasters! Hear how they craft their artisan beers. Enjoy beer specials during Q&A at Bell's Eccentric Café after the event.

Birds, Bees, Butterflies

April 17, 6:30-7:30 pm, EAS

Master gardener Barbara Johnston reveals which flowers attract birds, bees, and butterflies in her talk about annual and perennial gardening.

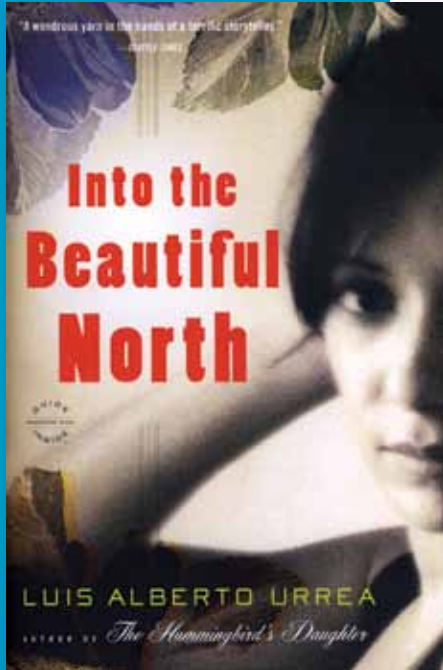


Bach Festival Lecture

April 21, 3:30 pm, CEN

Hear David Gordon, renowned lecturer for the Carmel (CA) Bach Festival, discuss J. S. Bach's St. John Passion in a talk recorded before Carmel's summer 2011 performance of this powerful sacred work. This free presentation will set the scene for that evening's concert of the St. John passion by the Kalamazoo Bach Festival at First Presbyterian Church. For complete details about all 2012 Bach Festival Week events, visit kalamazoobachfestival.org or call 269-337-7407.

reading together



CEN

Central Library
315 S Rose St

OSH

Oshtemo Branch Library
7265 W Main St

EAS

Eastwood Branch Library
1112 Gayle Ave

PDL

Portage District Library
300 Library Lane

KVM

Kalamazoo Valley Museum
230 N Rose St

FBC

First Baptist Church
315 W Michigan Ave

Latino Literature and Culture

March 1, 10:30 am, OSH

March 1, 6:30 pm, PDL

Examine the origins and development of Hispanic groups in the U.S. with WMU Spanish professor Patricia Montilla. Focus on recurring themes in U.S.-Latino literature, including poetry, short stories, and novels.

Multimedia Showcase

March 5, 7 pm, CEN

See digital design and photography projects inspired by *Into the Beautiful North* created by KRESA Education for the Arts students taking the Design for Digital Media class.

Modern Mexican Reality

March 13, 6:30 pm, OSH

WMU anthropology and environmental studies professor Sarah Hill talks about the challenges of life in modern Mexico, revealing the extent of violence and corruption fueled by the drug trade, and examining the political and social impact of garbage.

The Magnificent Seven

March 16, 7 pm, KVM

Watch the 1960 movie classic that inspired Nayeli to head north in search of men who will return to protect her village.

Immigrant Experience

March 19, 7 pm, CEN

Listen to members of the Michigan Organizing Project's Immigration Task Force share their experiences as new immigrants to southwest Michigan.

Movie Discussion

March 22, 7 pm, CEN

Discuss how the movie *The Magnificent Seven* ties in with the themes of *Into the Beautiful North*. Led by Miranda Howard of the Kalamazoo Film Society.

Seven Great Characters

March 27, 6:30 pm, EAS

Hear award-winning author Bonnie Jo Campbell and literature expert Susan Ramsey discuss the characters of *Into the Beautiful North* and how they help move the novel's narrative.

Taste of Mexican Hospitality

March 28, 6-8 pm, FBC

Step into the culture of Mexico through food. Savor traditional Mexican dishes created by area residents. Drop by any time during the event; bring the family!

Kankakee to Kalamazoo

April 3, 7 pm, CEN

Meet residents of Kankakee, Illinois, the community that features prominently in the culmination of Nayeli's journey. Hear how their community serves immigrants. Learn about services offered to immigrants in Kalamazoo and find out how you can help.

book discussions

Reading Together encourages everyone in the community to read each year's selected book. We expect that many local library, church and private book groups will discuss *Into the Beautiful North*. If you are part of one of those efforts, we want to know! Email ReadingTogether@kpl.gov, call 269-553-7895, or tell us on Facebook at Reading Together. Check readingtogether.us for more info.

www.readingtogether.us

tween/teen

Cartooning with Kenji

March 6, March 20, 5:30-7:30 pm POW

Take your skills to the next level! Learn tips and techniques from comics master Kenji Jumanne-Marshall. No experience required. Gr 5-12.

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)

March 7, April 4, 3:30-5 pm CEN

Plan programs and service projects, discuss books, movies, music, and web sites, eat snacks, play games, and have fun! Gr 7-12.

Games @ Powell

March 13, 6-7:30 pm, POW

Wii, video games, music, prizes, snacks. Gr 5-12.

Gamer's Arena: Analog

March 17, 3-4:30 pm, CEN

Put down the controller and pick up your wits! Turn off the video games for board, card, role-playing, and other non-digital games. Play old classics and new favorites. Bring your own to share. Gamers of all levels welcome. Gr 5-12.

® Japanese Stab Binding

March 21, 4-5:30 pm, EAS

March 22, 4-5:30 pm, WSQ

Create journals bound with a decorative sewn edge the same way that people in Japan, China and Korea have been binding books for more than 500 years. Registration required. Gr 5-12.

J-Pop Club

March 26, April 23, 3:30-5 pm, CEN

Enjoy Japanese anime, manga, Pocky, and food. Drop in any time during the event. Gr 7-12.

The Experience

March 29, 4-5 pm, EAST

Dance like you've never danced before! Compete for prizes playing *Michael Jackson* and *The Black Eyed Peas: The Experience* for Wii. Gr 5-12.

® ReCraft

April 3, 1-2 pm, OSH

Reduce, Reuse, ReCraft!!! Turn everyday items into works of art. Help save the Earth through crafts! Registration required. Gr 5-12.

GameCentral

April 5, April 6, 2:30-4 pm, CEN

Bored during Spring Break? Play games in the comfort of the Teen Area! We'll pull out all of our board, card, and video games so you don't even have to get out of the comfy chairs. Bring your own games! Gr 5-12.

Pizza and Pages

April 10, 6-7 pm, POW

Grab a copy of *Pressing Hard* by Stephanie Perry Moore at the Powell circulation desk. Take it home, read it, then join us to talk about *Pressing Hard* and other great books you've read! Gr 7-12.

Smash/Kart/Hero

April 14, 2-4:30 pm, CEN

Get your game on with THREE different games! Race your friends in *Mario Kart*, mix it up in *DJ Hero*, and slug it out with *Smash Bros*. Food and prizes. Gr 7-12.

Art Attack After School

April 18, 4-5 pm, EAS

April 26, 4-5 pm, WSQ

Drop in downstairs for fun, food, games, crafts! Gr 5-12.



® Feed the Hunger Games

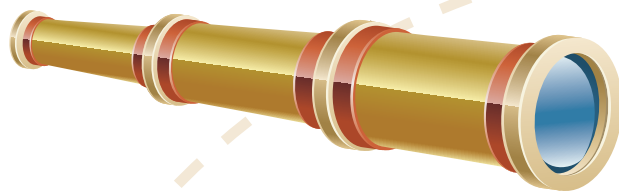
March 14, 4-5 pm, EAS,
Hands on Activities

March 17, 1-2 pm, OSH,
Pizza and Pages

We're gearing up for the release of the *Hunger Games* movie! Create survival projects at Eastwood. Join a *Hunger Games* book discussion at Oshtemo – pick up a copy there. Register at each location. Gr 5-12.

® Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

kids



first saturday @ kpl

March 3, April 7
2-4 pm, CEN

Take your family to the library!
Enjoy stories and activities,
meet special guests.

Families that visit during First
Saturday may win door prizes,
including Meijer gift cards for
\$100, \$50, or \$25!

kpl.gov/first-saturday

How I Became a Pirate

March 3, 10 am, CEN

March 10, 10 am, Civic Theater

March 17, 1 pm, Parish Theatre

Learn about acting and creative movement in
storytelling in this series with the Kalamazoo
Civic Theatre. Ages 5-7. Registration required.

LEGO at the Library

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am

March 3, April 7, OSH

March 17, April 21, CEN

Thursdays, 4-5 pm

March 15, WSQ

April 12 and 26, EAS

Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm

April 17, WSQ

Build, create, race, inspire, and imagine
with other Lego fans. All bricks provided,
from Duplo to Expert Builder. All ages.

Toddler Talk

Wednesdays, 10 am-12 pm, OSH

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4, 11, 18, 25

Toddlers play while adults share the joys
and challenges of parenting the 1-3 year old.
Led by Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

Baby Talk

Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 pm, OSH

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4, 11, 18, 25

Talk about the care of babies from birth to
12 months with other parents and caregivers.
Led by Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

Read with Bailey

Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 pm, POW

March 7, 14, 21, 28

Enjoy a "pawsitive" experience! Read to Bailey
the loveable Schnoodle (a Schnauzer/Poodle
mix). Registration required, call 553-7861.

Singalong Storytime

March 15, CEN, 6:30 pm

Favorite singalong songs and special guests
make storytime fun for the whole family.

Movie and Popcorn


March 16, 2 pm, CEN


The neighboring Montague and Capulet
gardens are at war, but two of their gnomes
are in love in *Gnomeo and Juliet*, an off-the-
wall computer-animated family comedy.

PaleoJoe's Digging Adventure

April 6, 10:30 am, EAS

Take a trip back in time with
dinosaur "digger" PaleoJoe,
a paleontologist, author, and
storyteller, to meet animals
and plants extinct for millions
of years. His high energy
program brings life to these
creatures of long ago.
Ticket required; see below.

 Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

 Space limited; ticket required. Pick up FREE ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.



® Music and Make Believe

March 20 & 21, 9:30 & 10:30 am, CEN

March 22, 10:30 am, OSH

M&Ms features a story, craft, and music by the KSO's string quartet based on Hanoch Piven's fanciful storybook, *The Perfect Purple Feather*. For 3-6 year olds. Groups welcome. Register online or call 553-7804.

Eyes, Ears & Stories

March 24, 10:30 am, CEN

At this special storytime, learn how hearing problems affect reading skill development. Local experts will provide info on hearing screenings and local audiological services. Activities for the entire family. Stories interpreted in American Sign Language.

📍 Binder Park Zoomobile

April 2, 2 pm, OSH

Zoom to the library for an up close and personal visit with animals from the Binder Park Zoo. Ticket required; see below.

All ages.

Spring Fling Crafts

April 2 thru 6, 1-5 pm, EAS

April 6 only, 2-4 pm, POW

Make a springtime craft project to take home. Drop in program for kids 5-11 years.

Games at Powell

April 3, 2-5 pm, POW

April 5, 2-5 pm, POW

Video and board game fun for ages 5-11.

WMU Dance Project

April 4, 11 am, CEN

Marvel at a stunning modern dance performance by WMU students in the library's dramatic rotunda. All ages.

storytimes

Librarians consider developmental stages when planning stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts. Babies and toddlers must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Siblings may attend any storytime as guests.

Family Storytime

Stories and activities designed for children, from birth to age five.

Librarians select the best books for the group that attends.

Mondays, 10am, CEN

March 5, 12, 19, 26

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Tuesdays, 2pm, WSQ

March 6, 13, 20, 27

April 3, 10, 17, 24

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, POW

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4, 11, 18, 25

Thursdays, 10:30 am, EAS

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 12, 19, 26

Thursdays, 10:30 am, OSH

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 12, 19, 26

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, 10 am, CEN

March 6, 13, 20, 27

Stories, songs, simple crafts for 2-3½ year olds.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, 10am, CEN

April 3, 10, 17, 24

Stories, crafts, fingerplays, and other fun activities for the 3½-5 year old.



Capoeira: Cordao De Ouro

April 3, 6 pm, POW

Capoeira, an art-form that combines elements of martial arts, acrobatics, dance, music, and song, originated with African slaves in Brazil 450 years ago. The group Cordão de Ouro started in the 1960s. Thousands of Cordão de Ouro students have spread Capoeira throughout Brazil and abroad.

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director's note

kpl celebrates 55 years of services to teens!



We were one of the first libraries nationwide to offer teens a dedicated collection. The 1995 millage that built, renovated, or restored all five KPL buildings also expanded

teen services by providing for a separate teen area, a full-time teen librarian, additional staff, and increased funds for teen materials.

The rebuilt Central Library features a teen space, tucked away on the lower level, with comfortable, teen-friendly furniture and computers. In the 14 years since we reopened in 1998, thousands of teens have used this teen area, enjoyed teen programs and read through the teen collection. Teens told us it was time to refresh and update!

Teens and teen services staff asked for a way to enclose their space for greater flexibility – like the first floor children's room. Staff wanted to offer impromptu programming, book discussions, and video game tournaments.

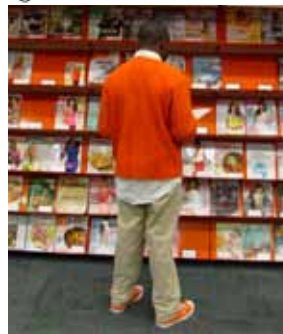
Teens wanted to be freer to play games, relax, talk, listen to music, and more.

KPL trustees and managers heard their plea! This winter we used interest earned on KPL's Endowment Fund to revamp the teen space. We installed a half-glass divider wall with a double door, repainted, purchased new chairs, and repositioned the computers to create an open space for programming. Staff and teens love the changes. Come see what you think!

While you're here, check out the new reading area for magazines and newspapers. We shifted them to a sleek, new wall rack surrounded by comfortable chairs on the second floor. This move really opens up the first floor space, allowing more room for displays and programs.

We're always thinking about ways to serve you better. Thanks to the generous donors whose gifts to KPL's Endowment Fund helped make changes possible in the teen area!

Ann Rohbaugh



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553-7820

Eastwood – EAS

1112 Gayle Ave, 49048
553-7810

Oshtemo – OSH

7265 W Main St, 49009
553-7980

Alma Powell – POW

1000 W Paterson St, 49007
553-7960

Washington Square – WSQ

1244 Portage St, 49001
553-7970

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